

See-Saw Election Game Going on in Bogota

Difficulty General Reyes Finds in Getting
Ahead of Velez as Candidate for
President of Colombia.

Who is President of Colombia?

To South American diplomats in Washington this question has become a regular Mary Ann puzzle. The uncertainty is due to conflicting reports received daily as to the election of General Reyes or his opponent, Joaquin Velez.

Fully two months ago elections for President of Colombia were held. One month ago the electoral college at Bogota met, and since then press dispatches have told each day a different story as to the result of the counting of the ballots. "General Reyes wins by handsome majority," was the tenor of the first dispatch sent out, and which was confirmed here by Dr. Herran. Next came a message telling an entirely

different story: "It was a close race, but Velez won out by three votes."

Then each day the tide of victory shifted from one to another without any apparent intimation that the end of the counting would ever be reached. A South American diplomat who was consulted about the matter said that Colombia was showing to the world the unique spectacle of an electoral college which is governed on the same principle as a nominating convention.

"They are liable to be deadlocked forever," he said, "unless one of the candidates suddenly takes things in his own hands."

Velez and Reyes are both bitter opponents, but of the two Velez is the "fire-eater," and officials here would prefer that Reyes be chosen.

WANTED—GOOD NAME FOR A SCHOOLHOUSE

District Commissioners Worried Over Appropriate Appellation for City's New Training School.

The manual training school, which has just been completed at the corner of Seventh and G Streets southeast, is as yet nameless. The District Commissioners want a name for it. There is some uncertainty as to what name would be appropriate.

The time-worn phrase "What's in a name?" is being revolved in the governmental head, and so far the revolutions have led to nothing but indecision. As much care is being observed in the choosing of this name as would be expected in selecting the appellation for the oldest child of a President. This new-comer in the family of District public schools must be started on its career under favorable auspices, and in this connection the Commissioners are convinced that there is much in a name.

It is all-important to put on the placard above the main door of the structure an array of letters that, taken as a whole, shall call to the minds of the pupils and teachers some life filled

with splendid achievements and productive of public good. The name of the institution must rest above the door as a benign influence, a soothing charm, a cornucopia from whence shall flow all kindly qualities and uplifting attributes.

It is probable the Board of Education may be asked to submit suggestions for the guidance of the Commissioners. It is certain that hints from the general public would be thankfully received. The Commissioners would like to know what name will do the most good in its exalted position above the schoolhouse door.

The decision must be reached in a few days. Building Inspector Ashford has notified the Commissioners that he stands ready to put the placard in its appointed place. Except for the name the structure is complete and ready for the reception of its pupils. All the graces and the help of a kind Providence are to be invoked to help the Commissioners choose wisely.

MAY BUY SUBMARINES FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

Members of the general staff of the army are considering the purchase of five submarine boats to be used by the army in connection with the school of submarine defense. The boats would be assigned to the entrances of Long Island Sound and Chesapeake Bay and to San Francisco Harbor and Puget Sound.

OVER 700 OFFICERS JOIN ASSOCIATION

More than 700 officers have joined the new infantry association which has just been organized, and it promises to be one of the largest service associations in the United States. Gen. J. C. Bates is president of the temporary organization recently effected. Col. J. S. Pettit is vice president and Capt. Benjamin Alvord is secretary and treasurer.

STORIES BY AND ABOUT CONGRESSMEN

"The Presidency of my State received into its membership Rev. James Woodrow, who had caused a religious discussion almost world-wide by his views on the 'monkey question'—that is to say, the descent of man—which he is supposed to have entertained," said Representative Johnson of South Carolina in the House.

"Dr. Woodrow was put through a fearfully rigid examination. Among other things he was asked if he believed the Great Book, the Scriptures, contained the word of God. 'I most certainly do,' he answered. 'Do you believe that Moses wrote the Pentateuch?' asked a learned divine. 'Most of it, sir,' was the prompt reply. 'Ah, and what portion do you think he did not write, Dr. Woodrow?' 'The account of his own death, sir.'"

The cloak-room contingent gave Speaker Cannon credit for this good yarn. There lived at Cairo, Ill., a well-known lawyer and politician, Judge K—, who was a much better judge of good liquor than legal technicalities. When the steamer City of Cairo was launched the judge was selected to present the officers of the vessel with a full set of national colors, a gift from the people of that city for which she was named. Of course there was to be the usual feast and "sich like" for the chosen few, and when the hundreds gathered in the cabin and saloon, Judge K— was a little bit drier than usual, for it had been a long time between drinks. He grew restless and impatient, and when the final time came he said:

"Captain, ladies, and gentlemen: I have the honor to present you officers these colors. May we all live to see the glorious flag of our country waving triumphantly over our graves! Great Lord, what have I said? Here captain, take these things, I'm not right."

And straightaway the judge made a bee-line for the liquid refreshments and it took three friends and a wagon to get him home.

"General Perkins and Tom Marshall were canvassing the State in a hotly contested election," relates Representative Kelsoe, of Kentucky, while talking about the great orator, "and it was General Perkins' great 'play' to bring out in the strongest possible language that his father was a cooper in one of the lower counties. This, he thought, would make him solid with the laboring classes. The general was a good Democrat, and the more he drank the stronger Democrat he became, and the louder he told about his father being an humble cooper."

"When Tom Corwin got a whack at him he wound him up in this way: 'Friends and fellow-citizens, General Perkins' father may have been a cooper, and a very good one—I don't deny that; but I do say, my friends, he put a powerful poor head in that whisky barrel.'"

"As Corwin said this he pointed at General Perkins, who was nodding in his seat on the platform, and the crowd raised such a yell that the general said he would not continue the campaign if Corwin was going to indulge in personalities."

Down in Representative Tate's district in Georgia there lived—and, perhaps he is still living—an aged hard-

shell minister named Taylor Reynolds, who holds to the belief that the "world do move." Mr. Reynolds always advocated Democracy and plain living, and his motto was:

"I'm a Democrat at the polls; I wear the britches at home, and corn bread and collards is good enough for any man."

Along with his cornbread and collards the old gentleman had a fondness for corn in the fluid form, and during the summer months, when hundreds of visitors made Gainesville their home it was a frequent treat to have the hardshell minister expound his doctrines to them, he always being bountifully supplied with something for the stomach's sake, which he did not care who saw him sample, even during his discourse. At one time Col. Marcellus Markham, of Atlanta, made an offer of \$1,000 a year to Reynolds if he would move to his city. His answer was:

"I was born in Hall county; I received the spirit here, the people know me and I know them. I've never been hungry yet, and I'm going to stay right here where cornbread, collards, 'taters, and good corn liker is always handy."

"Everybody and his neighbor has been having a short or long pull with the gripe, influenza, cold, or whatever you please to term it," said Representative Little of Arkansas, "and this fact reminds me of a good story told by our family physician out home."

"This good doctor was called to the home of a recently rich family to see the wife, who was suffering with cold. She was dressed in a rather showy, carefully-made dress, and was clearly doing her utmost to make an impression and show to the pill dispenser that she was 'somebody.'"

"And how is the madame today?" the doctor asked, as he sank into one of the easy chairs.

"Oh, shockingly ill," was the reply, trying to look interesting in spite of her red nose and bleary eyes.

"A slight cold," suggested the doctor. "No, the per-re-vailing legrippe or influenza," she drawled out, pronouncing the words as if endeavoring to establish the character of a fashionable woman by her elegant manner and pronunciation.

"And you are ill, too?" said the doctor, almost bursting with amusement, as he addressed the husband, a plain blunt man, who sat near by sniffing every moment.

"Yes, I'm sick, too, doctor," he answered, wiping his nose on his coat sleeve. "I've got this cursed horse distemper, and none of your legrippe or influenza."

"The wife said 'Why James,' and added aside to the doctor that 'James is not exactly right when not in premature health.'"

A member of the South Carolina delegation tells this good story, and says that its truthfulness can not be doubted by anyone who is familiar with the "religious ardor of the brother in black."

"Years ago when Charleston was visited by an earthquake, the negroes, or many of them, believed that the day of judgment had come, and hundreds of them hid themselves away to the commons and began a series of religious meetings. Without speaking lightly of these meetings, I may say that it was a 'continuous performance,' for as soon

as one brother or sister had exhausted his or her power of prayer or dissecting of the Scriptures, another would take hold and hold forth until he or she was exhausted, and then another would light in, and thus it would continue day and night.

"One lusty brother declared that there was not the least doubt but that the great day had come, and all who were not safe in the old ship of Zion would be lost; the tumbling down of the houses and rumbling warnings to make ready for the final stroke which would wipe everything off the face of the earth. The flock was in a fearful state of excitement. Truth is, my friends, it was a time to stand with fear and trembling, for one who has once felt a severe earthquake can never forget the awful experience. But the colored brother closed with a prayer, winding up in this way:

"Now, Lord, you knows our condition. Come down and help us now. Dis ain't no child's play. Don't wait to send your son, but send yourself, for we's at our rope's end."

"There's always some joke on the milkman," began Senator Stewart of Nevada, who is recognized authority on lactical fluid, and who has kept up a constant fight for pure milk ever since he has been in the Senate. "People who don't know stump water from pure milk of the cow think it's funny to guse the milkman, but occasionally these Smart Ales get the rag end of the barnyard."

"I once knew a milkman, a funny old genius, who drove a steed whose architectural proportions rivalled those of the famous Rosinante. As the boys say, 'it was a bute.' One day the old man was trying by a vigorous application of the whip to coax the animal into a salt something faster than a walk. A young fellow who thought he knew almost everything, and what he didn't know would make a big book, called out:

"I say, Uncle Thad, do you know what happened to Balaam?"

"Yes, d—n you! The same as happened to me—an ass spake to him." "The pert young man wilted, and Uncle Thad waved his hand another whack and drove on."

"Barring the professionals there are few men who like to serve on the jury," says Representative Hardwick of Georgia. "I once heard of a man who was summoned to act in that capacity, and he implored the court to excuse him, saying that he was not a freeholder and therefore not qualified to serve. The judge sized him up, and asked:

"Where do you live, Mr. Dash?"

"I am stopping, your honor," at the Hotel Winsor," was the answer.

"You board at the Winsor, suppose?"

"I take my meals there, your honor, but I have my rooms in another part of the city."

"You keep bachelor's hall?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Been living that way long?"

"Nearly a year, your honor."

"You are qualified, sir. I have never known a man to keep bachelor's hall for that length of time who had not dirt enough in his rooms to make him a freeholder. You may take the oath, sir."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Evangelistic services will commence at the First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O Streets tomorrow evening, and will continue until March 24. The Rev. C. F. Winbigger is pastor and he will be assisted by the Rev. W. Weeks, D. D., of Toronto, Canada, one of the most eloquent preachers of that country. He will preach each evening and will give Bible readings on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 o'clock. There will be good music, and the special preparations have been made.

BAPTIZED AND HANGED.

RICHMOND, March 12.—John Clemens, a negro, was hanged at King William Court House yesterday for murder. He was baptized by immersion in the box in which his body afterward was shipped to a medical college in this city.

PORTER LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS-FILLED ROOM

Gas was discovered in a vacant room in the Johnson Hotel yesterday, and Charles Walker, a porter, thirty-nine years old, of 38 Fenton Place northwest, went to investigate the trouble. He struck a match and entered the room, which was filled with fumes of gas. The partition between two rooms was forthwith blown down and the negro was burned about the face and hands as a result of the instantaneous explosion. The negro received attention at the Emergency Hospital.

CHILD BROKE LEG.

Falling from a first story window while playing at 485 Maryland Avenue southwest, yesterday afternoon, Raymond Walte, thirteen years old, of 507 Maryland Avenue, struck the ground with force and broke one of his legs.

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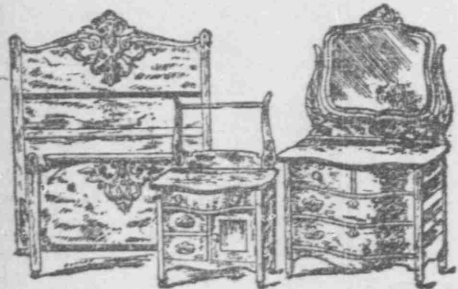
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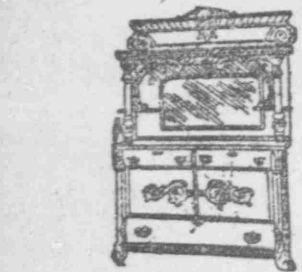
for this very large Quartered Oak Suite, highly polished; extra large dresser, with large French plate mirror; swelled front, handsomely carved bedstead, and large washstand; worth \$50.



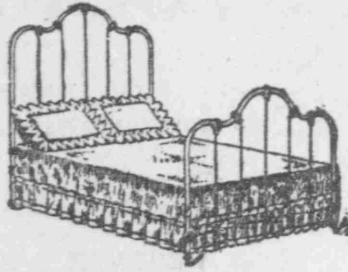
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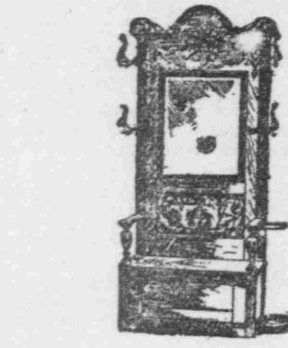
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\$6.95 for Heavy Continuous-post Metal Bed; regular price, \$10.00.

\$1.48 for Double-size Durable White Enamel Bed; worth \$3.00.

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